

From an Old Blade Clipping (No Date Given)

The other paper is the initial edition of the Fairbury Intelligence dated August 10, 1865. J.S. Harper was the editor and publisher. The market quotations on that date were: Wheat No. 1, 85 cents to 90 cents corn (shelled) 50 cents; corn (ear) 48 cents; oats 26 cents; flour per 100 \$3.50 to \$4.00; potatoes \$1.00; butter 20 cents; eggs 15 cents; sugar 14 to 18 cents a pound. The Toledo Peoria and Warsaw gave the following timetable: Trains west, No. 6 freight 9:40 AM, No. 2 passenger, 4:31 PM; trains east: No. 5 freight 12:31 PM; No. 1 passenger 2:10 PM.

THE INTELLIGENCER informs its advertisers that no double column advertisements will be inserted. Among the ads in the paper are: I.P. and N.L. McDowell, Farmer's Dry Goods and Grocery Store; William Carpenter, Watches; J.F. Blackburn and Co. drugs and medicines; J.J. Wright and Co. Druggists; DeLong's Photograph Gallery; L.F. Straight and George W. Kring Machinists and Manufacturers of Wagons, Buggies, etc.

The following early history of Fairbury printed in the Intelligencer will be of interest to our readers:

Fairbury

The growing town in which we have located and where we propose in the future to publish the INTELLIGENCER, is situated on the T.P.&W. Railroad, twelve miles east of the junction with the Chicago, Alton and St. Louis Railroad. The original town plot was laid out by Cropsey and Chanute in September 1857. The first business house was opened January 1, 1858, by William Mitchell. Soon after Vanemmen & Fitch erected a warehouse, and located as grain merchants. In the spring of 1858, Pogue, Amsbary and Tomas opened up a dry goods store now occupied by Jones and Amsbary. During this year improvements went on rapidly. The Morris House and two boarding houses were erected. Patten and Dodds opened a grocery store, the depot was located and building erected by subscriptions from the citizens of the town and vicinity. A lumber yard was established by John Coomer, a drug store by John Blackburn, a wagon making and repairing shop by Jacob Hunt. A Methodist Church edifice was erected during the same year. IN QITI, a business house was opened by Remington and Gillett in the building now occupied by Powley and Dever as a hardware store. Thomas & Beeman opened a stock of goods in the building now occupied by J.P. and W.S. McDowell. The flouring mill now owned and run so successfully by R.B. Wilson was erected by W.G. McDowell and many other smaller improvements were made. In 1860, Pogue and Co. erected the large warehouse now run with such n advantage to the farming community by Dresser & Co. A fine two story school house sufficient to accommodate over two hundred scholars with four teachers, was erected. In 1861 another store was opened by Strevell & Oliver. In the building now occupied by H. Remington, Hulsey, Fulton, and Co. opened a new drug store, and a Presbyterian Church was built. Thus, year after year, has our town improved in business houses, with a proportionate growth in residences, until now we number five dry goods stores; one clothing store with a fine stock of boots and shoes, four grocery stores, three hardware stores, two furniture stores and all other branches of business proportionately represented. The amount of capital invested is perhaps larger for the size of the place than is to found in any other town in this portion of the state. Business men do business upon their own capital mainly, and do a safe as well as an extensive business. The bank of McDowell, Lyman & Co. is a valuable institution for our town, while it no doubt yields a fine income to the firm. Though this bank exchange can be had for doing business in any direction, and the unquestioned integrity of the several members of the firm is a guarantee to those who find it convenient to do business with them. An important feature of our prosperity remains to be noticed. We refer to the great

supply of coal, not only for ourselves but for our neighbors, who are in the winter at least, quite dependant upon us. In 1859 John L. Marsh & Co. bored for coal just west of the town and being successful in finding a workable vein of coal, a shaft was immediately sunk. At a little over two hundred feet from the surface a vein four feet and ten inches thick was struck, and the coal was found to be of superior quality. This mine has been worked by J.L. Marsh and Co. with great success. It has not only proved to be a mine of wealth to the owners but a source of great prosperity to the town. The town plot has been growing with the growth of business, and demand for more room. In 1859, J.L. Marsh laid out an addition of eighty acres on the west. In 1863 Caleb Patten laid out an addition on the south. In 1864 a. L. Pogue extended the town plot still further south, and recently I.P. McDowell has laid out an addition on the northeast. Over three hundred acres are laid out in town lots and still the cry is for more room, and A.P. Straight, we learn, is about to yield to the demand and give up a portion of his farm lying on the southwest. We certainly congratulate those who own land anywhere in Fairbury. They can sell it off in town lots. The morals of the people are well cared for, and those who prefer good moral society can have it, while we are sorry to say, there is a chance for the accommodation of those whose preferences are otherwise. There are four organized religious societies in the place. The Methodist Church with Rev. J.G. Evans as pastor has, we learn, a membership of 150 and upwards, and a large congregation. Their Sunday School, N.E. Lyman, superintendent, is said to be the finest in the country, having over two hundred scholars and being conducted with ability and so as to make it interesting to all. The Presbyterian pulpit is filled by Rev W.T. Hampstead, a man of education and possessing quite a poetical gift. The Baptist society are erecting a church which they hope to complete soon, though they are now without any regular pastor, but have fortunately secured the services of Rev. Mr. Karns for a short time while they are struggling to finish their house of worship. The Christian (Campbellite) society have for the present the service of Rev. M. Spence as pastor. Those who wish to attend divine service have an opportunity of doing so where pulpits are ably filled. But while the churches have been making laudable efforts to moralize the community, there have been, and still are influences at work to corrupt the youth and paralyze the efforts of the good. That bane of human society, the drinking saloon, has done its mischief here as well as elsewhere. We trust that the day is not far distant when these shall be completely routed out of our pleasant little town. Drinking saloons, even though they pass under the name of "beer saloon" will make drunkards. We bid God to speed the noble band of templars here who are battling the evil of intemperance in all of its hideous forms. We shall hereafter have something to say about some needed improvements.

ORDINANCES

- Of the -

VILLAGE OF FAIRBURY

Published by the authority of the PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the VILLAGE OF FAIRBURY.

C.S. Brydia, Printer, Fairbury, Illinois, 1890.

S.M. Barnes, President of the Board of Trustees.

Attest: S.S. Rogers, Clerk.

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Article 1: Defines the powers and duties of the president and Board of Trustees. Six trustees. Duties defined by Illinois Statutes.

Article 2: Clerk of village. Elected each year. Keeps records of town meetings. Historian. Keeps records of financial transactions.

Article 3: President shall appoint a Treasurer, Constable and Street Commissioner. Must be confirmed by Board.

Sec. 2. Duties of Treasurer.

Sec. 3. Duties of Constable – deals particularly with vagrants and drunks.

Sec. 7. Fine \$10 - \$50 for helping anyone resist arrest.

Sec. 8. Street Commissioner shall enforce the ordinances of the Village pertaining to streets, alleys, public grounds, sidewalks, sewers and drains.

Sec. 9. Commissioner to keep in repair the sidewalks, streets and crossings.

Sec.10. Keep drains and sewers open and street crossings free from filth and mud.

Sec.11. Shall have charge of all street labor and shall demand the services of all persons required to do labor upon the streets of the Village and shall serve notice upon such persons of the time and place such services are needed by notifying them three days ahead of time when the labor is required. Notice shall state time, place, for what purposes his services are required and the implement with which he is to work.

Sec.12. Shall keep poll tax lists.

Article 4: Sec. 1. Regular Meetings held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month in Town Hall.

Sec. 2. Special meetings can be called by the President or three Board members.

Sec. 3. The clerk shall send out notices of the special meetings and the President can compel attendance.

Article 5: Sec. 1. All officers except the Trustees shall post a bond upon entering office.

Sec. 2. President's bond \$3,000.00, clerk \$100.00, Street Commissioner \$500.00, treasurer \$6,000.00.

Article 6: Salaries: President \$100.00 payable quarterly; clerk \$125.00 payable quarterly; treasurer \$10 at end of year. Constable \$60.00 per month. Commissioner \$50.00 per month. Special members of police force \$2.00 per day. Trustees - \$2.00 per meeting.

Article 7: Ordinances conflicting with this one shall be considered repealed.

VILLAGE OFFICERS, 1890

President – S.M. Barnes
Clerk - S.S. Rogers
Constable – Amos Brown

Street Commissioner, Amos Brown
W.E. Baker

Police Magistrate – John Zimmerman
Attorney, C.F.H. Carrithers
Board of Trustees – G.B. Brownson
George S. Scriven
P.C. James
J.L. Wright
J.T. Clements
A.G. Phelps

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Saloon Ordinances. Keeper has to give \$3,000.00 bond and have two good securities. License costs \$600 a year, payable in installments. No pool tables or any games whatsoever. No paint on windows or doors and the glass in them shall be kept clean. No bills or advertisements to obstruct the view. Shall consist of only one main room with no back ones. May have 3 portable screens not over seven feet high and ten feet long to be placed according to direction of Pres. of Trustees. Ice box in end of room. Bar in rear of room, the end of which shall not be farther than five feet from ice box. Hours 5 AM to 10 PM. Rowdiness and minors prohibited on premises. Closed on Sundays. Can go in through FRONT door to fix fires or light a lamp, and not a minute longer. Any violations, forfeiture of license and monies. Drug stores may sell medicinal liquors, license \$50.00. Unlawful to sell to minors without written order. President and Board have right to reject any applications.

Nuisances and misdemeanors: Unnecessarily make a loud or unusual noise or profane swearing, fighting or challenging to fight, or encouraging a fight or assisting, unlawfully collecting in crowds. Fines. \$5.00 - \$50.00

Disturbing church meetings; \$3 - \$25.00.

Vagrants and drunks; \$3.00 - \$20.00.

Indecent dress, lewd exposure of person, or indecent behavior or selling immoral publications or pictures \$10 – 100.00

No sports or exercises to frighten horses or other animals.

No person or minor can in any way attach himself to a locomotive or car, stationary or in motion in the city limits.

No person shall throw or cast any stone or any other missile upon or at any building, tree, or private property or upon or at any person in any street, alley or lane or public or private place within this Village, have or use any sling shot, or sell or keep for sale any sling shots or sling shot rubbers within such village under penalty of not less than two nor more than 25 dollars for each offence. Be it ordained by the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Fairbury, that whosoever shall carry, concealed upon his person, any pistol, revolver, derringer, bowie knife, knife, dirk, or any other deadly weapon of the like character, or whosoever shall in a threatening manner display or flourish any such deadly weapon within the corporate limits of said Village, shall upon conviction there be fined not less than ten nor more than \$100.00.